Dr. James Sterba

Dr. James P. Sterba is a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. He has published 24 books, and over 150 articles. He is past president of the North American Society for Social Philosophy, past president of Concerned Philosophers for Peace, and past president of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, American Section. He has been visiting professor of philosophy at the University of Rochester and at the University of Latvia in the then Soviet Union on a Fulbright Award. He has also been visiting distinguished professor of philosophy at the University of San Francisco, the University of California at Irvine, and Santa Clara University. Recent monographs include: *The Triumph of Practice Over Theory in Ethics* (Oxford University Press, 2004), *Affirmative Action, Point/Counterpoint* (with C. Cohen, Oxford University Press, 2003), and *Justice for Here and Now* (Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1998). His articles have appeared in journals such as *Social Theory and Practice, American Journal of Jurisprudence, Political Theory, Journal of Social Philosophy, American Philosophical Quarterly, Ethics, The Journal of Philosophy, American Journal of Jurisprudence, Peach and Change, New Directions in Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs,* and *Public Affairs Quarterly.*

Rev. Levon Yuille

Rev. Levon Yuille has been pastor of the Bible Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and a dedicated community activist for over thirty years. Currently, Pastor Yuille serves as Chairman of the Michigan Black Republican Council, National Director of the National Black Pro-Life Congress, and Chairman of the Hope Clinic pastoral advisory board. He can be heard hosting a radio (and internet) talk show on Saturday mornings. Some of the boards that Pastor Yuille has served on in the past as member, chair, or president are: Washtenaw County Ministerial Alliance, Parents Together – a grassroots drug prevention agency, Neighborhood Health Clinic, and Leaders in Prevention. Pastor and Mrs. Yuille were the recipients of the Life Time Achievement award from Right to Life of Michigan. He has received over forty awards and citations, which reflect his concern for humanity and his involvement with quality of life causes, including Citizen of the Year – Ypsilanti, MI, and the Pregnancy Counseling Center Community Service award. Pastor Yuille is also a recipient of an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree, conferred upon him by the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church – USA by recommendation of the National Clergy Council Board of Scholars.

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The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Ban public institutions from using affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes. Public institutions affected by the proposal include state government, local governments, public colleges and universities, community colleges and school districts.

- Prohibit public institutions from discriminating against groups or individuals due to their gender, ethnicity, race, color or national origin. (A separate provision of the state Constitution already prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin.)

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes

No

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